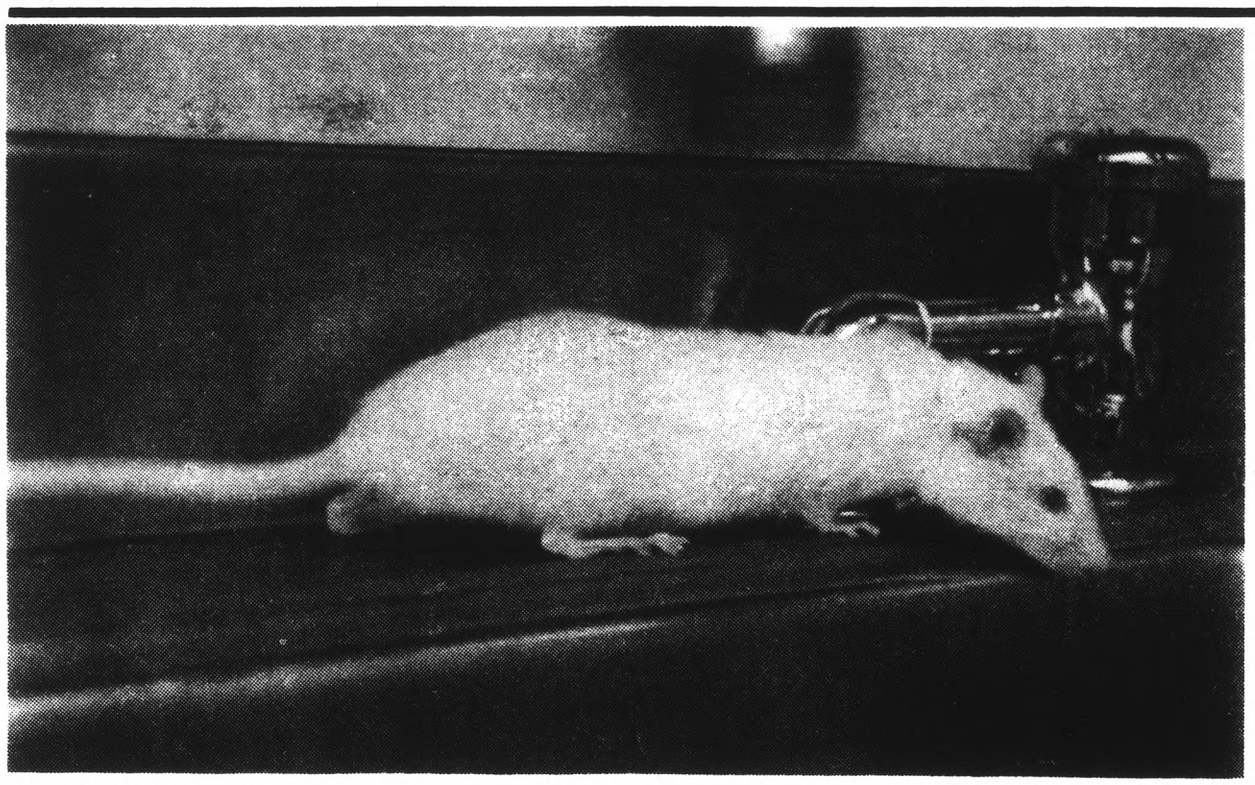
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RAT FINK—The Psychology Department has been breeding rats for several years, and some say that many of the rats have escaped.

Rodent problem in RSC buildings

by Barney Thompson
Staff Writer

Rats in the cellar?..... ceiling?..... and the ivy?

Rancho Santiago College is apparently experiencing a slight rodent problem.

It appears that there are rats on campus. The four legged type.

According to one member of the support staff, "Some of the rats that are raised on campus in Dunlap Hall have escaped and are now living in the ivy around Dunlap Hall and other secluded spots around the campus."

Campus Police officer Gary Fangrat downplayed the problem and stated that, "The only incident that I know of was about two years when a rodent ran across the foot of an Admissions clerk. Nothing has been said about rats, that I know of, since. I have no idea if there is a rodent problem. If there is a rat problem on campus no one has informed the District Police office as of yet."

Another member of the District Police stated that, "The custodians do place rat poison in the ceilings, above the rooms, where the rats are kept, in case some rats do escape."

The rats are raised in Dunlap Hall for use by the Psychology Dept. in experiments that are performed in selected psychology classes. The rats used in the classes are strictly the laboratory type.

Courtland Holdgrafer, the Psychology Dept. Chairperson stated, "There was an escape of the rodents about 7 years ago, but none since then. The rats that we raise on campus are the albino type, pink eyes and snow white body, these rats are born and raised in the lab and if set loose they would die within two or three hours."

'No eating, drinking or smoking'

Rule ignored by many

by Jose F. Diaz
Staff Writer

"No smoking. No drinking. No eating."

Signs like this are posted in virtually every classroom at Rancho Santiago College. But according to instructors and students, munching and sipping still go on.

Faculty and students are split over whether the eating and drinking rules should be enforced. However, most agree smoking should be prohibited in the classroom.

Political science instructor David Hartman says, "In a night class, when I have to give a lecture for 1-1 2 hours, it is comfortable to have a drink. It makes it easier to talk." Yet Hartman said he has occasionally been irritated when a student spills a drink in his classroom.

Other teachers enforce the rule. "I discourage students by telling them that it is a school policy, and they should obey it," says Neil Benner, a French teacher.

Most instructors agreed that it should be obeyed, yet they say they do not make a big issue out of it.

The custodial staff, however, wishes they would make a big issue out of it. "I've seen teachers smoking in classrooms. They are not setting a good example for students," says Don Lovelady, custodial manager.

Lovelady, a college employee for over 30 years, says there has always been some sort of restriction, but doesn't know exactly where the rule originated. "They've had that rule for as long as I can remember, and it has never really been enforced."

Other college officials were uncertain when the rule was initially imposed. According to Rhonda Langston, secretary to the RSCCD Board of Trustees, the rule was not initiated by the board, and she could find no mention of it in board documents.

"It's always been that way so that's the way it is," commented Don McCain, dean of Students.

Where the rule got its roots may be unclear, but many instructors have followed it for years.

"I have been teaching for 14 years, and I have always enforced it," said Henry Merlan, a marketing, retailing and sales instructor. "If other professors do not do it, that is their business."

Students are divided over the rule. Many of those interviewed believe the rule is unnecessary. However, some say it is needed and should be enforced.

Rene Byrd, a 21-year-old student, says she likes the rule because she is here to learn—not to smell cigarette smoke or hear people eating.

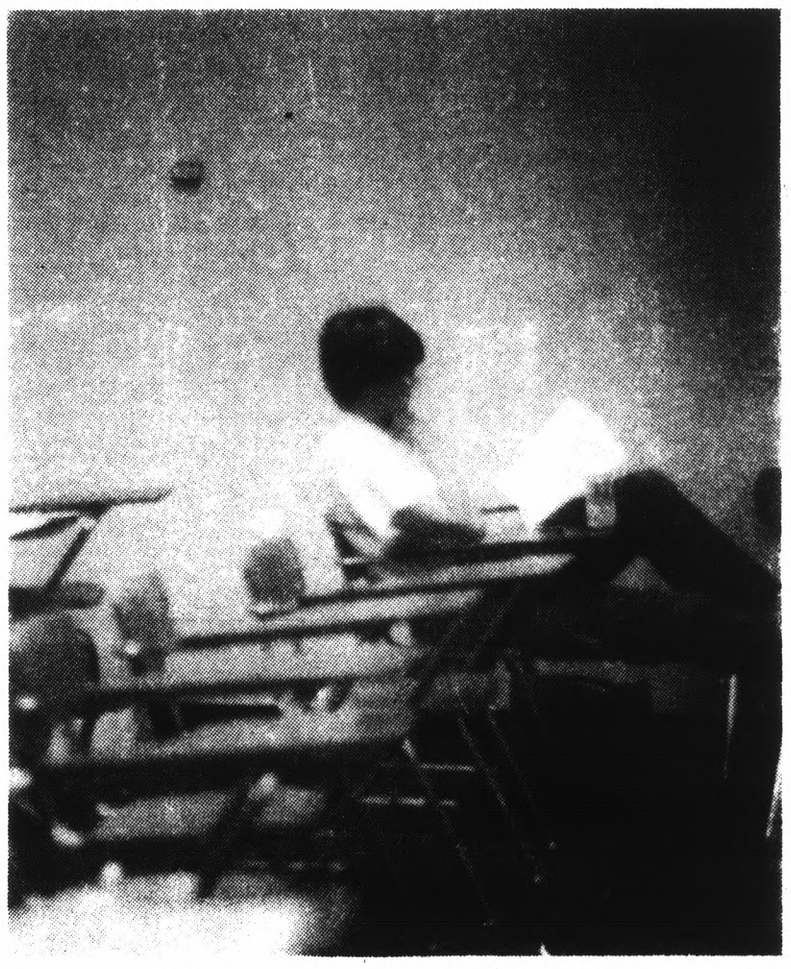
Kirby Matter, an employee in admissions, shares Byrd's beliefs. "I think the rule is good, primarily because the desks are not set up to handle food or drink." Matter also said that often times cups of coffee are set on the floor and spill.

Pete Renteria, a 21-year-old psychology major, said he does not think it is necessary to enforce the rule "as long as students pick up the mess and the trash."

A similar viewpoint is shared by Psychology instructor Courtland Holdgrafer who does not enforce the rule. "I haven't had any complaints from the custodians regarding my class leaving a mess in the classroom."

"I understand there is justification to the rule—to maintain the classrooms and keep the campus clean," says Holdgrafer, adding, "If I receive a complaint from the custodials I would enforce it."

Custodian Lovelady has been complaining for years. "They leave a terribe mess for custodians, they spill Cokes and leave trash," he said. "Our department has tried to get that rule enforced, but it has never happened and probably never will happen...I don't expect any miracles."



EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY—That is what many students do in class, ignoring the rule that says not to eat, drink or smoke in classrooms. Many teachers even break the rule and according to the custodial staff are setting a bad example for students.

News Briefs

PEOPLE IN CRISIS ... Blase Bonpane, director, Office of the Americas, will speak Thursday on issues dealing with Central America. He will speak in the Humanities Building, room C-104, on the Santa Ana campus. The lecture begins at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the RSC Alliance for Survival Club.

HOMECOMING APPLICATIONS ... Female students interested in running for homecoming court can pick applications in the Student Activities Office. Applications are due by Tuesday at 3 p.m. Candidates must meet the following requirements: be enrolled in at least 7 units, have a GPA of 2.0, and be sponsored by a recognized club, organization or team. For more information, call the Johnson Campus Center at 667-3098.

HALLOWEEN CONTESTS ... Student Activities is sponsoring a costume contest, a pumpkin pie eating contest, and a pep squad presentation on Thursday, Oct. 31. The event will take place from 12:20-1 p.m. at the east balcony. Prize money for the top three costumes is $50, $30 and $20. The winner of the pumpkin pie eating contest will receive $10.

SPEAKERS FORUM ... Barbara Duncan will speak at noon on Wednesday in room C-104. The topic is "Behind the Scenes at Disneyland."

MAGIC MOUNTAIN ... RSC Days at Magic Mountain will be every Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-Dec. 1. Tickets can be purchased for $6.95 each in the Student Activities Office of the Johnson Campus Center. For more information, call 667-3098.

MINI SEMESTER ... Registration is now taking place for the mini-semester at RSC. Students can register through Oct. 21 on campus, and may petition classes until Oct. 25 with the instructor's permission. The mini-semester schedules can be picked up in the admissions office.

Compiled by Laura Graham

Battered women

Screaming for help

by Lee Scheide
Staff Writer

You never hear the screams.

Not just the screams of pain, but the screams for help. Any kind of help.

Finally, after years of turning deaf ears to the victims, something is being done to help victims of domestic violence.

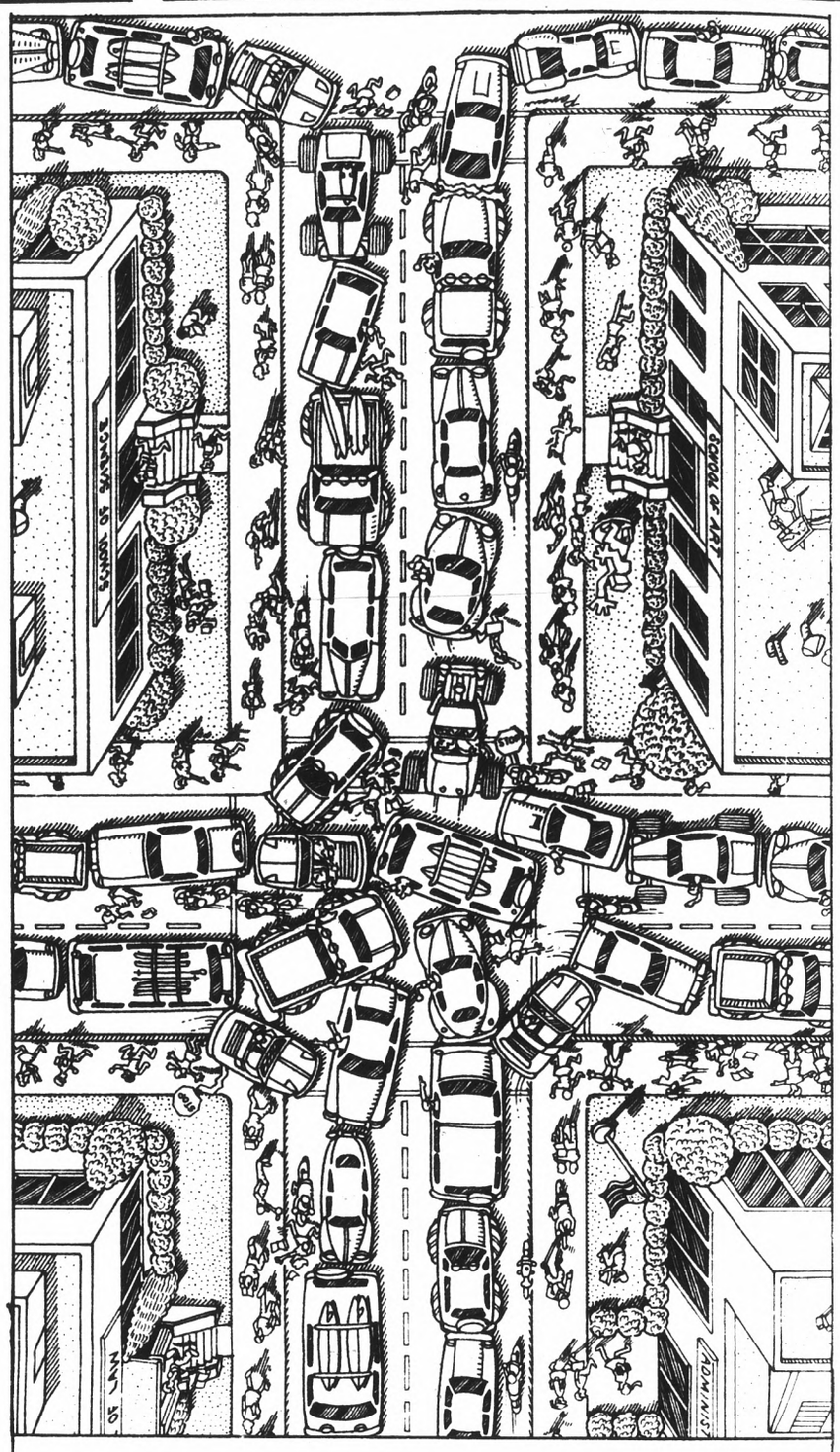
Community Service Programs, a private non-profit organization in Costa Mesa, created a program called Victim/Witness Assistance Program. Founded in 1978, the program added a domestic violence section in July.

The domestic violence situation was addressed here at Rancho Santiago on Oct. 9, when Mary Padore spoke.

Padore is a domestic violence worker in the program's Santa Ana office.

Padore's seminar was one of many in a day-long workshop that was held on RSC's campus, sponsored by New Horizons.

"There were many reasons for the women to stay in the home after being battered," Padore added. "Many women didn't know the alternatives. Now, we are offering those alternatives."



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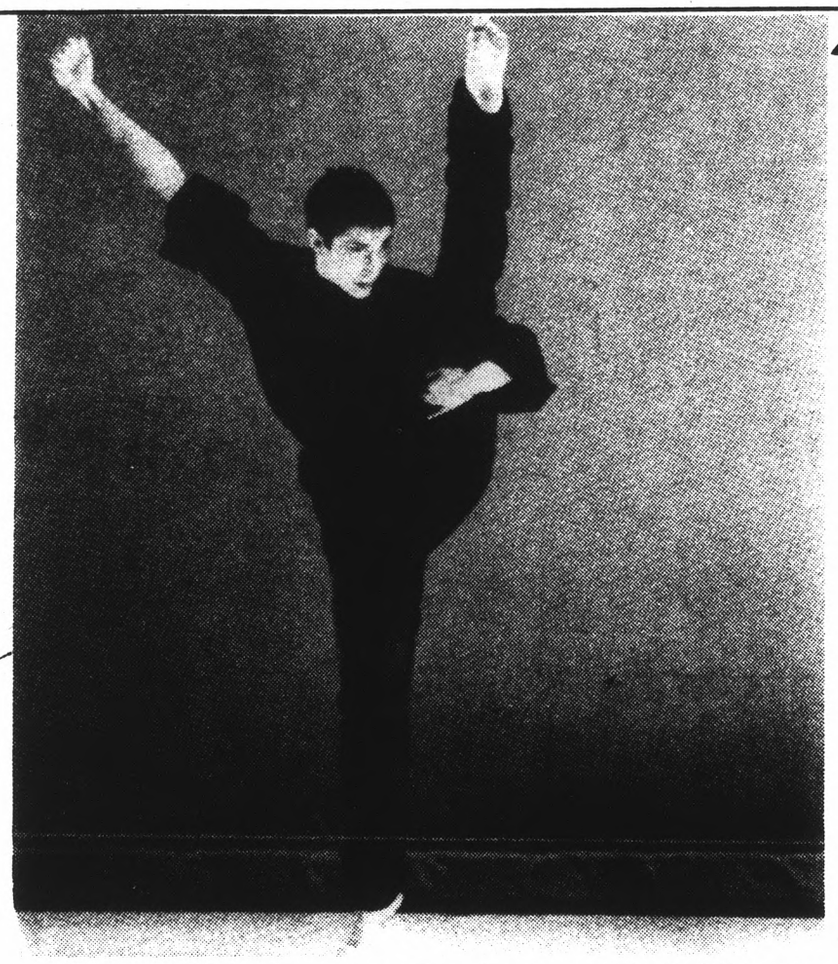
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SPECIAL GUEST - Mary Jane Eisenberg, a professional dancer known for her contemporary style, will be featured in "Danceweek 1" beginning Oct. 25 in Phillips Hall.

'Danceweeks' debut

by Denise Morrow
Staff Writer

Something new is coming to RSC.

Beginning Oct. 25 and continuing every weekend until Nov. 16, the dance department is presenting "Danceweeks," a series of performances by RSC students, faculty and guest performers.

Dance Department chairman Sylvia Turner said, "We are the only college of any kind, including four-year schools, that is offering a dance concert series." Every weekend will feature different performances.

It was a coincidence that allowed the dance series to take place. The Dance Department had planned to debut the new Dance Performance Ensemble in a one-weekend-only concert.

The Dance Department then discovered Phillips Hall Theater would be open for four weeks during October and November. With both of these factors coinciding, the idea of a dance concert series was born.

In the first weekend, "Danceweek 1," RSC will feature the work of guest choreographers Bill and Jacqui Landrum, plus a special guest performance by avant garde artist Mary Jane Eisenberg.

Eisenberg, artistic director and choreographer of the modern dance company Shale, is known for her comtemporary dance style.

Eisenberg received a scholarship to Harkness House followed by a tour with the Glen Tetley Dance Company, which resulted in

Referring to the Danceweeks series, Dance Department chairman Turner said, "I'm extremely proud of our students. This is a major time commitment."

"When you are out there dancing professionally, you are sometimes asked to replace another dancer or learn a new work in a couple of days," Turner said. "Professional dancers often have more than one thing going on at a time, so I think that this program is really teaching the student what the life of a professional dancer is really like."

"Danceweeks" starts Oct. 25 and continues every weekend until Nov. 16. The price at the door is $6 for general admission and $5 for students.

Editorial

Rule not needed

You've probably seen some of the many "No smoking, eating, or drinking," signs that are posted in virtually every classroom at Rancho Santiago College. We believe that this policy is not in the best interest of the school or the students.

Eating and drinking should be allowed in class at RSC. However we agree that smoking should not be permited.

The students at RSC are very busy people who are often in a hurry and don't have much time. Many have full-time jobs as well as a heavy workload at school. Others take 18 or even as many as 22 units here.

To keep these people from doing two or more things at once doesn't make sense. We assume RSC wants its students to achieve their ambitions. To prohibit eating and drinking in classes hinders what should be the goals of this institution.

The question of eating and drinking in class should be answered by the student's actions. If the students show that they can and will pick up after themselves, then we see no problem with eating and drinking in classrooms.

On the other hand, if the students demonstrate that they are careless and irresponsible with their trash we would certainly be inclined to advocate a "no eating" policy.

Fortunately, the majority of RSC students are neat, clean, conscientious citizens who have pride in their school and the way it looks. It is only a few who are abusing the system and disregard their responsibility.

Why should all of the students be punished because of the actions of a few?

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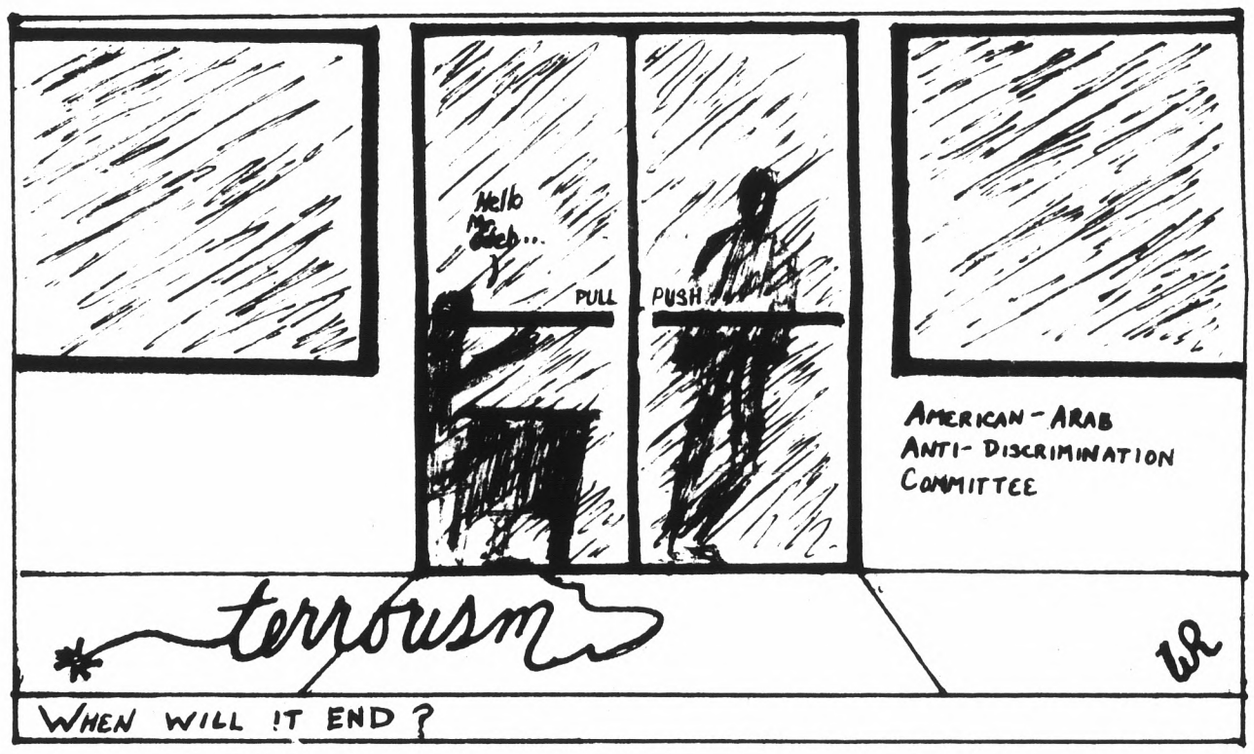
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My side

Comic death blooms

by Ken LaSalle
Staff Writer

I was reading the funny papers Sunday morning (as I do every Sunday morning), and I came across something that, friends, I found downright apalling.

There was a death in Bloom County!

You heard me right—a **DEATH!!** And in Bloom County, the comic strip with cute, little Opus. Who ever would have guessed that a character would die in Bloom County?

What's next? A transsexual Snoopy?!?!

Either you're closing your eyes to a situation you don't wish to acknowledge or you are not aware of the caliber of disaster indicated by the presence of a character's dying in a comic strip.

Oh, ya got troubles, my friends, right here. I say right here at Raunchy Rancho.

Why sure, I'm a lover of good violence. Certainly, mighty proud too. I consider the hours I've spent watching a good Dirty Harry movie as golden. Helps you to develop horse sense and a strong stomach and a keen eye. Did ya ever think your child would see some guy havin' a coronary on Frame 5?

Well, I call that sick! The first big step on the road to the depths of degradation. The next thing you know Garfield's rippin' [illegible] innards and all!'

Make your blood boil? Well, I should say.

Friends, lemme tell you what I mean. Ya got one, two, three, four, five, six frames in the comic strip! Frames that can make a difference between funny and Death with a capital D and that rhymes with C and that stands for Coronary!

(I wonder if Opus will get shot by a mad, penguin killer?)

(Thank you, Meredith Wilson.)

Injuries plague Dons wrestling team

by Alan Abair
Staff Writer

The Rancho Santiago College wrestling team will have its hands full Saturday when it competes at the El Camino Tournament.

Not only will most of the .op teams in California be participating in the all-day .ourney, the Dons will be going in short-handed.

Three of Rancho's starting wrestlers, Mike Larkin, Andy Moyer, and Hank Brown, have been slowed by injuries.

Larkin, who was fourth in C!F at Irvine High last year in the 142-pound class, is out with a shoulder injury.

"His shoulder dislocates all the time," said coach Gary de Beaubien. "That really hurts us. He might be gone for the season."

Moyer, another Irvine High graduate who was fourth in CIF in the heavyweight class, underwent arthroscopic surgery on his knee last Thursday. His status is questionable.

"When we get him healthy, we'll be a lot stronger," said de Beaubien.

Brown, who was starting in the 161-pound class, was injured in a scrimmage two weeks ago against Moorpark.

"We'll be making some adjustments in our lineup," said de Beaubien. "I think we'll be much stronger as the season progresses.

"With only 10 weight classes, if you have a couple of injuries, it makes you weak all of the sudden until those key people get back in the lineup. That's where we're kind of hurting now.

"Until they get healthy, the other guys are gonna have to pull all the weight. I feel we'll be a much better team in the next two weeks barring no injuries."

Despite the injuries, the Dons opened their schedule on Wednesday, Oct. 9, with a 22-22 tie against L.A. Pierce.

One might consider that an accomplishment for a team that was competing in its first match in two seasons and has been decimated by injuries. But not de Beaubien.

"No, I wasn't pleased," admitted de Beaubien. "I thought we should have won it.

"We had L.A. Pierce down, 15-0," he added. "And then we just slowly let our lead trickle away."

The Dons jumped out to that lead on the stength of victories by Israel Chavez (121-pound class), Thanh Tran (129-pound class) and Frank Lake (137-pound class). Tran's victory came on a pin only 29 seconds into his match.

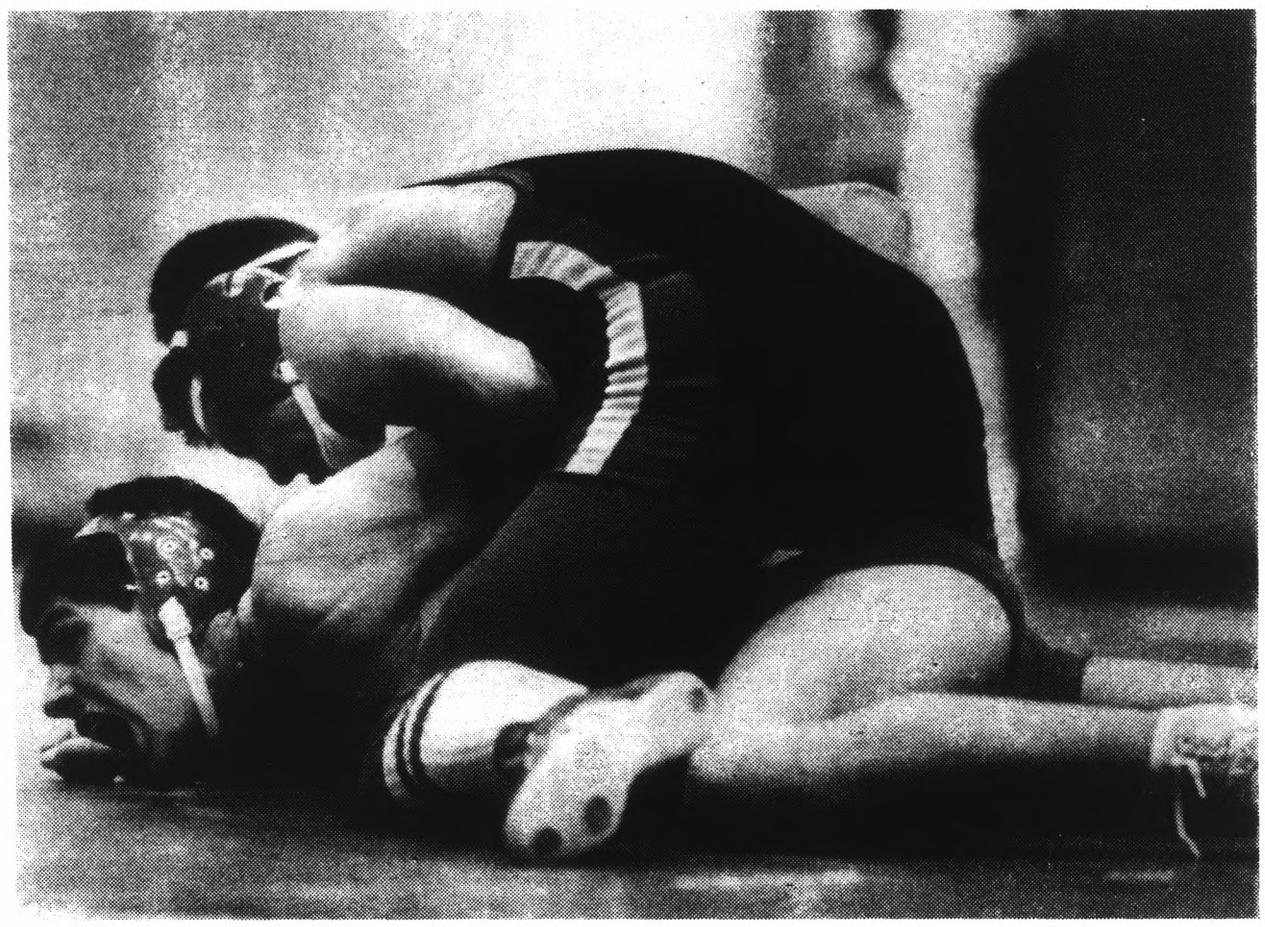
But L.A. Pierce rallied to win five of the next seven matches to force the tie.

"We're just really a young team," said de Beaubien. "We're all freshmen. We're gonna be taking some lumps this year."

Wilbur Valencia (161-pound class), who moved up from the 153-pound class to replace Brown, and Rob Luman (180-pound class) recorded the other victories for Rancho.

Last Saturday, the Dons took part in the Cuesta Tournament and came away with some individual standout performances.

Tran, who was second in CIF at Saddleback High last year, took sixth place in his weight class. Valencia, second in CIF at Laguna Hills High last year in the 150-pound class, also brought home a sixth place.



DON'T LET GO— RSC's Wilber Valencia has a firm grip on L.A. Pierce's Tim Sekiya in the 161 -pound divison. Valencia went on to win the match, 13-8, as RSC finished the dual meet in a 22-22 tie. **Mike Padilla/*el Don***

RSC goes down 31-16

by Richard Lind
Sports Editor

Rancho Santiago won the battle but lost the war Saturday night at Eddie West Field.

Though RSC (2-3 overall, 0-3 in conference) nearly doubled the visiting Southwestern Apaches total offense with 382 yards, they were trounced 31-16.

Silvio Delligatta threw for 325 yards, but was plagued by four interceptions, one of which went for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

In addition to the four interceptions the Dons fumbled three times, one of which resulted in another Apache score.

"Our defense played extremely well," football coach Dave Ogas said."South western only had one or two sustained drives."

The Apaches had 95 yards on the ground and 98 yards in the air.

Offensive player of the game was offensive lineman Tim Flanagan who graded out at 94 percent efficiency blocking.

Defensive player of the game was defensive back Laroy Montgomery who caused a fumble, recovered another, deflected two passes, had three unassisted tackles and six assisted tackles.

The Dons play San Diego City in San Diego at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. San Diego is 0-4 on the year.

Sports Update

Friday:
Water Polo vs. Chaffey at Santa Ana, 3:30 p.m.
Soccer vs. Cerritos at Santa Ana, 3 p.m.

Saturday:
Football vs. San Diego City at San Diego City, 1:30 p.m.
Water Polo vs. USC JV at Los Angeles, 9 a.m.
Volleyball, Saddleback Tournament at Saddleback, All Day

Tuesday:
Water Polo vs. Citrus at Azusa, 3:30 p.m.
Soccer vs. Orange Coast at Orange Coast, 3 p.m.

Wednesday:
Volleyball vs. Cerritos at Cerritos, 7:30 p.m.



GOING SOUTH—RSC quarterback Silvio Delligatta and the rest of the Dons will travel to San Diego City College on Saturday for a 1:30 p.m. game. **Art Wheelan/*el Don***

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